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Report

drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Budgets

on the giving of a discharge to the Commission of the European Communities in respect of the implementation of the European Communities' budget for the financial year 1971 on the basis of the report of the Audit Board

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On 19 June 1975 the European Parliament adopted a report submitted by Mr Gerlach on behalf of the Committee on Budgets on the giving of a discharge to the Commission of the European Communities in respect of the implementation of the European Communities' budget for the financial year 1971 on the basis of the report of the Audit Board (Doc. 111/75).

By letter of 17 September 1975, the Council of the European Communities communicated to the President of the European Parliament its decision on the giving of a discharge to the Commission in respect of the implementation of the budget and the amending and supplementary budgets of the European Communities for the financial year 1971.

At its meeting of 6/7 October 1975, the Committee on Budgets instructed its rapporteur to submit a final report on this matter.

The Committee on Budgets considered this report at its meeting of 4/5 November 1975 and unanimously adopted the proposal for a decision.

Present: Mr Lange, chairman; Mr Aigner, vice-chairman; Mr Artzinger, Lord Bessborough, Mr Dalyell, Miss Flesch, Mr Früh, Mr Notenboom, Mr Shaw and Mr Yeats.

The explanatory statement will be presented orally by the rapporteur.

The Committee on Budgets hereby submits to the European Parliament the following proposal for a decision:

Proposal for a decision

on the giving of a discharge to the Commission of the European Communities in respect of the implementation of the European Communities' budget for the financial year 1971 on the basis of the report of the Audit Board

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the revenue and expenditure accounts and statements of the assets and liabilities of the Communities for the accountancy procedures in respect of the 1971 budget and the accounts of the Euratom Supply Agency (Doc. 206/72-II),
 - having regard to the report of the Audit Board on the accounts for the financial year 1971 and the answers of the institutions to that report (Doc. 206/72-III-B),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets on the refusal to give the Commission of the European Communities a discharge in respect of the implementation of the European Communities' budget for the financial year 1971 on the basis of the report of the Audit Board (Doc. 111/75), which was adopted by Parliament at its sitting of 19 June 1975;¹
 - having regard to the Council decision of 16 September 1975 on the giving of a discharge to the Commission of the European Communities;
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 365/75);
1. Decides to give the Commission a final discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget and of the rectifying budget and supplementary budgets of the European Communities for the 1971 financial year;
 2. Expects the Council in future to word its decisions on the giving of a discharge in readily intelligible terms;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this decision to the Commission and Council of the European Communities.

¹ OJ No. C 157, 14.7.1975, p.37

